



Student Visa and U.S. Higher Education
A U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad Face book Chat, held on

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Facebook Chat Transcript

US Vice Consul Hello--we are now starting Facebook Friday today from 3-4 please post any questions on student visas to our wall.

Student: Is there any limit to apply for f1 visa??

US Vice Consul Could you please clarify your question as to what limit you are referring to.

Student: I mean how many times we can reapply for visa after rejection??
I read in some website, it said that if you're Applying in Mumbai consulate the limit is 2 times, is it true??

US Vice Consul No, there is no specific number. Individuals whose student visa applications were refused are eligible to reapply. However, we do not recommend that applicants reapply unless they are able to present significant new evidence that addresses the previous.

Student: can she apply there in us only or she needs to cum to India and take it here

US Vice Consul Again, likely she will not need a new visa. However, in the event she needs a new visa, she can only apply outside the United States. We would encourage her to contact the International Student Office at her university.

Student: Hi sir, we are required to show CE document, I have another query regarding it. Can we show CE which was done in February, 2012? Generally CE is valid for 3 full years.

US Vice Consul Please clarify what a CE document is and who is requiring it.

Student: Hello sir, Can my sister sponsor me?? Along with my mom??

US Vice Consul If your questions are with regard to funding your studies, and then the answer is yes. During the interview, you will need to be able to explain your situation.

Student: hello good afternoon sir does ranking of a university have any effect on visa

US Vice Consul We don't know what you mean by ranking. As long as a university can issue an I-20, we will give all due consideration to students who come for an interview.

Student: hi, can i show entire funds as FDR to VO, as all my family savings r in form of FDRs?

US Vice Consul As we mentioned to someone earlier today. You need to demonstrate to the officer that you can afford to pay for the first year of your education and residence in the United States. It's up to you how you want to do that.

Student: Hello sir, my daughter is in us on F1 visa doing her under graduation now. She is moving to another university. Does she need to come to India and take visa again?

US Vice Consul If her SEVIS number changes she will need to apply for a new visa. She should not start studying at the new school until she obtains a valid I-20.

Student: Nandigam Nitya can she apply there in us only or she needs to cum to India and take it here.

Student: hello good afternoon sir do we need to show amount of \$45000 at time of visa interview or can we show the i20 amount which includes all the estimated expenses by the university?

US Vice Consul During the visa interview, we use the amount listed on the I-20. This amount varies for each university.

Student: Hello Officer, Sir do we need to get valuation certificates for property and gold?? Or CA statement will make it?? Thank you

US Vice Consul Keep in mind, however, those nonimmigrant visa applications are not document-based -- this means that the officer may not ask to see your financial statements.

US Vice Consul It's up to you how you want to do that. Be prepared to show financial evidence that you or your parents who are sponsoring you have sufficient funds to cover your tuition and living expenses during the period of your intended study. For example, if your sponsor is a salaried employee, please bring income tax documents and original bank books and/or statements. If you or your sponsor owns a business, please bring business registration, licenses, etc., and tax documents, as well as original bank books and/or statements. If you plan to fund your finances with loans or through selling property, you need to be able to explain that plan.

Student: Hello Officer, I'm going to apply for f1 visa in coming next month. Sir I wanted to ask that, is it necessary to have transactions in our bank account?? My mom is the sponsor and she haven't made any of it and the money is kept from 2 yrs. in her both accounts. So is this going to affect my visa?? Just like "VO" says that you haven't made any transactions?? Why?? And asks that Is that yours money or borrowed from someone?? Please suggest Thank you See More

US Vice Consul You need to demonstrate to the officer that you can afford to pay for your education and live in the United States.

Student: Neeraj Mamtara My mom is sponsoring me so; can my sister sponsor me too??

Student: Neeraj Mamtara so the transactions aren't important??

Student: dear officer one thing i wanted to know, what is the min gre score u expect, and i have met many of my friend's few of them said they had gre around 285-290, and were rejected because of it, and few of them even with much low score were approved, why is it so, and even in case of ielts for who secured average ielts score of 6.0, and why this the case i mean university are ready to give admission but in embassy they are rejected.

US Vice Consul We do not have numeric formulas for making decisions, as we know that these often do not paint an accurate picture.

Student: dear visa officer I was rejected twice last year, and I had only one admission last year but this year I have many does it matters having more admissions, and moreover i am planning to change my program on which I gave interview last year, because I have been working in It company since past two years and i have decided to pursue my master's in It field, so that i can gain a depth of knowledge in my field of interest. So will I face any problem during my next visa interview and i want to go with same university with change of program.

US Vice Consul The number of admissions you have shouldn't make a difference. We look at the totality of the applicant, including prior academics and work experience. Importantly, applicants should be able to explain their situation and plans to the visa officer.

Student: I have studied B.Tech Civil and I would like to take Computer science in Masters. Is there any problem during my Visa??

US Vice Consul the first step in applying for a visa, is to apply for a program of study in the U.S. Once you are accepted, you would be issued an I-20 at that point you could schedule a visa appointment.

Student: Prahas Reddy i got admission from one of the university but my bachelor's degree is civil and I have change masters into computer science is there any problem during my visa?

US Vice Consul Please be prepared to discuss your decisions with the visa officer.

Student: Hello sir/madam. I am a student completed my intermediate 1st year. So please suggest me a way to study in U.S with more concession and a scholarship after my intermediate 2nd year education... (Suggest the best tests which are too attempted and scored).

US Vice Consul thank you for your interest. There are a number of great resources to learn about studying the U.S., one is www.usief.org.in. USIEF recently opened an office in Hyderabad, please check their website for appointment options.

US Vice Consul: Thanks for everyone for their questions. We will be back on Friday (April 25th) from 3:00 to 4:00 pm, so you have another chance to ask student visa questions. We want to make sure you get the answers you need!



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